

### IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for defining an electronic address, comprising:  
selecting a preferred domain name;  
selecting one or more allowable domain names;  
selecting a preferred address format;  
selecting one or more allowable address formats; and  
retaining the preferred domain name, the one or more allowable domain names, the preferred address format, and the one or more allowable address formats to define the electronic address.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising acquiring a text string associated with a preferred electronic address and retaining the text string to further define the electronic address.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein in acquiring the text string, the text string is dynamically acquired from a directory object, when present in the directory object.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein in acquiring the text string, the preferred electronic address is calculated from a directory.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in selecting the preferred address format and the one or more allowable address formats, the formats include one or more subcomponents.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in selecting the preferred address format and the one or more allowable address formats, the one or more subcomponents are order independent within the preferred address format and the one or more allowable address formats.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein in selecting the preferred address format and the one or more allowable address formats, the preferred address format and the one or more allowable address formats include one or more subcomponents, and wherein the one or more subcomponents include at least one of an electronic login name, an administrator defined identification, a first name, a last name, a middle initial, a middle name, and a nickname.

8-25. (Cancelled).